1994-95 of which two pairs were during peak hours. Further, the number of coaches on EMU trains on Delhi|New Delhi-Ghaziabad-Aligarh section were also increased to 12 on two rakes and to 10 on other rakes to serve passengers better.

Rechecking facility for coal wagons

3727. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide rechecking facility to verify the weight of the coal loaded in wagons for which Railway receipts are issued;

(b) whether there is also proposal for insurance cover from collieries to destination for coal transhipment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Facility for rechecking/reweighment is already available on payment of charges laid down in this regard and such requests are duly considered by the competent authority. Coal is however, hormally booked at owner's risk for which the facility is normally not allowed. In case of its booking at Railway's risk on payment of 20 per cent extra feight, the facility may be permitted provided that it is operationally feasible, valid reasons exist for allowing the same and the reweighment charges have been paid alongwith the demurrage charges as due to the railways.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Such provision will add to the cost of coal and thereby affect the common man adversely.

Ticketless travel in South Cent Railway

3728. SHRI V. HANUMANTI RAO: Will the Minister of RA WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in ticketless travel in tra in South Cenral Railways in 1994-

(b) if so, whether adequate vi lance has been maintained;

(c) whether the Railways will a step up vigilance to avoid untow incidents in South Central Railwa and

(d) if so, the details of st proposed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWA (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF (a) to (d) As a result of intens drives launched by the South Cent Railway. 4.42 lakh persons were tected travelling without ticket with improper ticket during the riod April 94 to Fbruary 95 aganst 3.50 lakh persons during corresponding period of last year presenting an increase of 26.4 cent. In order to contain the men of ticketless travel and to avoid toward incidents, various types special and surprise checks are be regularly conducted by the Railw Such checks will continue in futu also.

Retention of Metro-Gauge line ween Villupuram and Madras Egm

3729. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: W the Minister of RAILWAYS be ple ed to state:

(a) whether the Southern Ra ways has demanded retention of metre gauge line between Villu ram and Madras Egmore, while i plementation of broad gauge conv sion project on this route;

(b) whether the metre gauge li between Madurai and Dindigul v retained while broad gauge conv sion was taken up on that route;